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Applicant: Ruelle, Jean-Louis

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For: Polypeptides and Polynucleotides "BASB040"

From Neisseria Meningitidis and Vaccine

Comprising Said Polypeptides and Polynucleotides

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.111**

**Introductory Remarks:**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 (Paper No. 9) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

Amendments to the Specification:

*Change 1: Please insert the following paragraphs and header at page 3, between lines 25 and 29:*

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figures 1A-1J show consecutive segments of sequence alignment for three  
BASB040-encoding polynucleotides.

Figures 2A-2E show consecutive segments of sequence alignment for three  
BASB040 polypeptides.

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*Change 2: Please insert the following paragraph at page 65, between lines 1 and 3:*

What is claimed is: